

Over the last 100 years we have seen a consolidation of all media, to the extent that very few cities even have two competing newspapers. Radio and television ownership that was once numbered hundreds of companies is now down to six. The continued consolidation of the media combined with the millions of dollars spent by the media companies to pay lobbyists, contribute to candidates, or just stuff the coffers of either party with soft money had indebted our public servants to their agendas, running the more and more present risk of developing something far scarier than a "state-sponsored media", a "media-sponsored state".

These are my own comments, and not those recommended by any organization. I am an educated citizen who sees the obvious danger of media consolidation. Competition is the best form of check and balance.